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The International Revolution Sweeps Onward

THE eunuchs of Socialism, who are prostrated before the shrine of "votes of protest," or backing up their governments in waging an infamous war of conquest, or else sitting fatalistically in the library mumbling "the war will bring Socialism"—these eunuchs are getting shock after shock these days by the revolutionary events precipitated by the proletariat awakening to consciousness of strength and using its own mass power as its action against the war.

The impending revolution is sweeping irresistibly onward, drawing new nations within its vortex. The ground is being cut from beneath the feet of the social patriots, while the opposition of the moderate Socialists is being stiffened by the "mot d'ordre" of the workers tired of the carnage and tired of being misled by their treacherous representatives.

In Russia, the revolution is preparing to dispute the final control of events with the half-way revolutionists and the reactionary forces lined up behind the provisional government of the would-be dictator Kerensky. In Germany and France, the rumblings of the Russian revolution are stirring the enthusiasm and action of the proletariat; while in Italy and England, the working class is on the verge of actual revolt against the ruling class. Discontent is seething in Austria-Hungary, and the aspirations of the intrepid Fritz Adler may soon find expression in revolutionary action. The proletariat is everywhere finding itself. It is everywhere coming back to first principles, to its own needs and instincts, and its own form of activity in mass action. Everywhere, the revolutionary spirit sweeps onward, now flaming into local revolts, now temporarily suppressed only to flame up again stronger than ever. The governments of the ruling seek to cajole the coming revolution by juggling with cabinets and by making concessions in words that are empty of meaning: do they imagine that revolutions are thus easily cajoled? Don't they realize that the revolution is not against cabinets and words, but against the infamous system of things of which all the peoples at war are the victims?

The governments are trying another form of cajolery by prattling of a demo-

cratic peace. The working class distrusts any kind of peace agreed upon by the governments of the ruling class. The working class has learned from three years of immemorial agony that the governments are not worthy of trust.

Kerensky is determined upon a vigorous war under conditions that inevitably mean imperialistic peace. At the recent "democratic congress," which the Bolsheviks justly rejected as not representative and counter-revolutionary, Keren-

jected by the Bolsheviks and by the Left Wing Socialists everywhere: the class struggle, the struggle against all bourgeois-imperialistic governments and for the Social Revolution, is alone the straight and sure way to a proletarian peace. The mission of Skobelev was apparently the last maneuver of the conservative revolutionists in the Councils of Soldiers and Workmen: everywhere the Bolsheviks are becoming ascendant, —in Petrograd, in Moscow, in Odessa, and elsewhere. The Russian revolution is determined upon revolutionary action, and is cleaving firmly to the principles and tactics of revolutionary Socialism.

The news from Germany and France is less complete because events there have not come to a head, and because of the rigid censorship. But what we do know is full of promise.

The national solidarity of Germany is definitely broken. The German people are no longer immovable in their apparent determination to see an imperialistic war through to the finish. Bethmann-Hollweg was forced out as Chancellor, and the militaristic mannikin, Michaelis, has now equally been forced to go. The fraudulent peace resolution adopted by the Reichstag some months ago, and which the Independent Socialists voted against, has been exposed as an instrument of imperialistic projects. The ousting of Michaelis comes upon the heels of the revelation of an important mutiny in the German Navy, and the news of an attempt to organize a Council of Workmen and Soldiers on the Russian model. Minister of the Navy von Capelle's attempt to smash the independent Socialists through this mutiny resulted in a humiliating fiasco: the government was afraid to press the issue. The most significant thing about this mutiny is not its occurrence, but the fact that the government was compelled to reveal it in order to make an attempt at destroying the revolutionary opposition. And more significant than all was the dismal failure of the government.

All these occurrences are simply the froth on the surface of events. Beneath it all are the real events,—the awakening of the workers and their endeavors to take things into their own hands. It is out of this action of the mass that

GREAT NEWS FROM RUSSIA!

As we go to press, the first reports come of the successful Bolshevik revolution in Petrograd. The Kerensky government is overthrown.

The Bolsheviks have organized a new government, with Nikolai Lenine as Premier and Leon Trotsky as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

At this moment, it is apparent that the new revolutionary government will have to fight to maintain itself. Civil war may be necessary.

The Russians are prepared to bring about an immediate general peace by means of the revolutionary action of the proletariat in all the belligerent nations. Will the Socialists of these nations act in the same contemptible, cowardly manner as a minority of conservative Socialists in Russia are acting, and refuse to co-operate with the real revolutionary forces? And these cowardly Socialists be allowed to betray the International Revolution?

that they are instruments of oppression and deceit. The workers everywhere are developing a determination to make their own peace in their own way; it isn't peace alone that they want, but conditions which shall make peace secure and oppression impossible. And they are learning that this can be secured only through revolutionary action, by the overthrow of Capitalism.

Diplomats are preparing to dicker, but the workers are preparing to act.

And here are the facts in the case,—just a few of the facts that censorship and isolation allow us to secure:

The revolution in Russia is preparing for the final struggle to erect a dictatorship of the proletariat. The Petrograd Council of Soldiers and Workmen, through its president Leon Trotsky, has issued a declaration of war against the provisional government. They are determined to lodge all power in the hands of the proletariat, and use this power to secure a revolutionary peace. They are preparing for the struggle, for civil war if necessary; and they are equally prepared, as Lenin and Trotsky have repeatedly declared, for a revolutionary war against Germany or any other power that might refuse to abide by a revolutionary peace.

sky made an appeal for the revival of the patriotic spirit shown during the days of the July offensive,—an offensive undertaken under pressure of the government of American Capitalism. The social patriotic Kerensky is rapidly rushing to defeat.

The Central Executive Committee of the All-Russia Councils of Soldiers and Workmen has adopted a series of peace terms very interesting and important, specifying concretely the meaning of "no indemnities and no annexations" and which includes a necessary demand for disarmament and the neutralization of the Panama Canal. The Central Executive Committee, which still places more emphasis on words than on deeds, delegated M. Skobelev to present these peace terms to the coming Conference of the Allies at Paris. But Jules Cambon, of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, declared that "the Allied Government will absolutely refuse to consent to M. Skobelev's taking part in the deliberations." The rebuff will stiffen the revolutionary moderates, and dispel all illusions. Not through diplomatic methods, and certainly not through national imperialistic conferences at Paris or Stockholm, may a revolutionary peace be assured. These tactics are re-